

North Smithfield Fire/Rescue Service, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2014

Called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Roll call of Voting Members:

Chairman: Paul Shatraw

Vice Chair: Paul Lefebvre

Treasurer: Daniel O'Brien

Secretary: Brian VanHouwe

At-large: Pamela LaBarre (absent), Kathleen Shatraw, Kenneth Thompson

Non-voting member: Chief Joel Jillson

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the September meeting as emailed accepted with a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Lefebvre. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: as submitted (see packet) and explained by Mr. O'Brien saying we are "on target for this quarter. Chief Jillson questioned if Town contract request should be increased or level funded. Mr. O'Brien suggested 5% in first year, 3% thereafter with a multi-year contract, comparable to Police Department. Mr. VanHouwe

asked if increase of manpower should be added. Chief Jillson has sent data to that extent numerous times in the past and the number of men should be addressed. Mr. Thompson questioned if the Treasurer had looked into investment options—he will look at the issue and report at a later meeting. Motion to accept the Financial Report by Mr. Lefebvre, seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Bills: (see attached). Chairman Shatraw asked about \$650 Claim Strategies bill. Chief Jillson explained nuances of new policy and fees for job-connected injury/illness claims. Ms. Shatraw motioned to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. VanHouwe. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None

Fleet:

Chief Jillson:

1) Good. New Rescue specs readied after looking at four vendors. Possible bidding discounts through membership in Massachusetts Chiefs Association.

2) Old Car 1 donated to N.S. EMA, new Car 1 in service. Mr. O'Brien asked what reception from the Town. Chief Jillson replied that the Town Council was appreciative of his efforts.

Facilities:

Chief Jillson: Roof leak at Station 1 repaired at little cost.

Old Business:

1. Claims Strategies service contract signed with two minor claims since @ \$650.00 each.

New Business:

Mr. O'Brien:

1. Recommends dissolving dormant corporation North Smithfield Fire/Medic Association which has no assets and requires a \$20/year filing fee. Motion by Mr. O'Brien to dissolve said association, seconded by Mr. VanHouwe. The motion passed unanimously.

2. North Smithfield Firemen's Association (1997) wants to dissolve also, but has assets of approximately \$17,000. Discussion followed with Mr. VanHouwe suggesting to look into the Rhode Island Foundation for administering funds. Mr. O'Brien motioned to dissolve association with the condition that assets be dedicated to North Smithfield High School scholarships administered through said Rhode Island Foundation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, voted and passed unanimously.

Chief Jillson:

1. Corporation Christmas Brunch booked for December 14th at Uncle Ronnie's.

2. Route 5 bridge to be replaced in early Spring with serious impact to response times for seven to eight months. Will be meeting with Rhode Island Department of Transportation. There may be possible

move of personnel/trucks to Station 1.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Nothing to discuss.

The next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, November 11th, 2014.

**Motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. by Ms. Shatraw, 2nd by Mr. Lefebvre.
All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

Rose Zariczny

(Note: any "attachments" can be viewed by request during normal business hours in the Office of the Chief, 1470 Providence Pike, North Smithfield, RI)